

contributed part of the money on favorable terms. The money was paid and the deed of separation signed. I returned home early in August. My father who was stricken with paralysis arrived at Kilimanur some time before my return. In November H.H. the first Prince who had been touring in Northern Travancore met with [a] riding accident which unfortunately fractured his left arm. I met the Prince at Tanniomukkam and travelled up to Quillon. On the 22nd December-On the prince's return to Trivandrum, My brother, his second son and myself started for Bombay. We reached Karli on the night of the 27th. I went to Bombay the next day with my nephew. Lord Curzon, the new Viceroy arrived on 30th morning. At night there was a reception at the Government House at which I was present. The plague showed signs of increasing. Dr Mathai who had secured temporary service was glad to meet us.

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Sunda:J 1 stjanuar:J 1899

I left Bombay with my nephew for Karli by the 7.40 a.m. train. There was plague examination at Kalyan and I was afraid for Narain but he escaped. Reached Karli at 12.30 p.m. Schlucker *[sic]* [Schleicher] left for Bombay at the same train. In the evening walked to Karli village with brother and Shriram.

Monda:J 2ndjanuar:J 1899

Before sunrise walked to the village of Patan embedded in a valley. Next wrote letters to H.H. the Prince. My wife and my nephew Ithammar. Worked on my picture in the afternoon. After Coffee walked to the little village of Bhaji. The whole day was exceedingly cold.

T uesda:J 3rdjanuar:J 1899

Early in the morning we went up the Lohgadhu Hill Fortress about a mile from home. It took about an hour and a half to go up the hill. There were beautiful [+++] [sceneries?] of gates temples and tanks. The scenery on all sides were grand. At night after supper there was a Tamasha performance in our tent, two boys dressed as women danced and sung.

Wednesda:J +th januar:J 1899

Early in the morning I walked to Bhaji to find out a bit of scenery for a landscape. The afternoon I spent between reading the 'Advocate' and painting. When the day's work was over we went up the hill behind us and then walked down to the Railwaystation and back again home.

